(b) Government have no knowledge of such a development. However, a news item to this effect, quoting a FEII spokesman, has appeared in Economic Times of February 13, 1989.

(c) No, Sir.

Withdrawal of Concessions granted to Small Scale Industrial Units of Soft Drinks Industry

2568. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that excise concessions granted to Small Scale Industrial Units of Soft drinks industry were suddenly withdrawn;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 44 small units in the organised sector have come up in the backward areas;

(c) whether it is a fact that these units not only made losses but were facing liquidity problems due to unexpected demand on their finances following the withdrawal of the excise concessions; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to mitigate the hardships of such small scale industrial units in repaying their loans to the financial institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The excise concession in respect of small scale manufacturers including soft drink industry affixing on their goods the brand names or trade names (registered or not) of other persons who is not eligible for grant of exemption under the Department of Revenue Notification of 1st March, 1986 has been withdrawn.

(b) and (c) The requisite information is not centrally maintained.

(d) There are certain facilities and concessions available to sick small scale industrial units and these facilities and concessions are equally applicable to units in the soft drink industry as well.

Coverage of Chief Ministers Conference

2569. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. T. Rama Rao, spoke in the meeting of the Chief Ministers held in Delhi on 10th and 11th February, 1989; and

(b) if so, the reasons for which his speech alone was blocked in the Doordarshan's English News-Bulletin at 9.30 P.M. on 10th February, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The views expressed by Shri N. T. Rama Rao, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh, were prominently covered in the English News bulletin telecast at 9.30 P. M. on 10-2-89.

Aid to Deep Sea Fishing Industry

2570. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the causes for economic sickness in the deep sea fishing industry considering the latest fishing season failure in 1988-89;

(b) whether Government are seized of the problems;

(c) what steps are being taken to call a conference of all deep sea units to solve their problems; and

(d) the measures being taken to give liberal aid to sick units in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Although there is a marginal fall in marine fish catch during

the last two years, the situation cannot be termed as economic sickness in the deep sea fishing industry.

Meetings with the fishing companies and financial institutions are held from time to time on various issues to solve their problems.

Marine Fishery Research Organisations

2571. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of marine fishery research organisations;

(b) whether it is a fact that these research organisations have failed to accurately predict depletion of shrimp resources on the East coast;

(c) which organisation is primarily responsible for advising and monitoring marine resources; and

(d) what steps are being taken to revamp and streamline the research organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Sir, under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) the following three institutes are responsible for research and education in marine fisheries:

(i) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Cochin.

(ii) Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Cochin.

(iii) Central Institute of Fisheries Educatoin (CIFE), Bombay.

(b) There is no indication of any depletion of shrimp resources on the East coast of India.

(c) Fishery Survey of India (FSI), Bombay (Ministry of Food Processing Industries) and Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Cochin (ICAR) are responsible for advising and monitoring marine fishery resources.

(d) The Fisheries Research Institutes under I.C.A.R. have been re-organised in the Seventh Five Year Plan and their objectives and functions have been redefined.

मंगोलपुरी उचित दर दुकानदार द्वारा राशन की वस्तुओं की सप्लाई न किया जाना

2572. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मंगोलपुरी, दिल्ली में उपभोक्ताओं को पिछले दो वर्षों से उचित दर दुकान संख्या 6639 से सभी वस्तुएं विशेषकर पाम ऑयल, रेपसीड ऑयल, सूजी, चावल आदि नदुक मिल रहा है जबकि उचित दर कानदार उपभोक्ताओं के राशन कार्डों में सम्बद्ध कालमों के सामने प्रविष्टियां किए जा रहे हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार उक्त दुकानदार के खिलाफ जांच करवाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री डी० एल० बैठा) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) गत माह में उचित दर दुकान संख्य 6639 के विरुद्ध एक खाद्य कार्डधारी को गेहूं न देने के बारे में एक शिकायत प्राप्त हुई थी, जिसकी दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा जांच की जा रही है ।

2573. [Transferred to the 27th March, 1989].

दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के कल्याण के लिए दी गई धनराशि

2574. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या **कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :